In Executive Session.

WHEN DIGNITY IS CAST ASIDE Dress Goods Reduced

s Might Fancy It a Social Gathering of niscences-Events Behind Closed Doors

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Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—Yes, it a red light. In more cities than one such lights significant. This, hower, is aglow in the temple of national gislation. Stand here in the main way of the House of Representatives and look through the long corri-dor leading to the august chamber of the United States Senate. It is like looking through a tunnel. Do you see ad gleam of a lantern on the rear car a limited express. Now, walk down the corridor toward the north wing of the Capitol. A few steps, and we cross mysterious echoes. Anon we enter the nge, familiar to every American school boy. Continuing down the passage

boy. Continuing down the passage, you graze the shoulder of an aged negro seated in an easy chair. He wears a black skull-cap, and is shielded from draughts by a richly-worked rosewood screen. He holds a silken cord of various colors. It is attached to the door of an apartment occupied by a body more august than even the Senate of the United States. It is the door of the chamber in which the Supreme Court of the United States holds its sessions. The African receives \$1,900 a year for pulling the string for those seeking entrance. You next enter the special corridor, beyond the sable guardian of judicial dignity. Here you are facing the main entrance to the legislative Sanhedrim.

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Above the closed doors appears the red light. Scan it closely and you will discover that it is a nest of electric lights shining through scarlet buils. More significant than the light itself are the glittering uniforms of the police officials in the corridors surrounding the chamber. Two sit on the bottom step of each of the marble stairways leading to the galleries. Every public entrance is closed. Indeed, it looks as though the chamber was hermetically sealed. Awe permeates the very atmosphere. Move a single foot nearer the chamber and you will be touched on the shoulder by a man in uniform. With dignity most profound he will point to the red light, and inform you in an undertaker's whisper that the Senate is in executive session. The red light flashes this impressive fact to a wondering world. The strictest sectusion is required. Jupiter and the gods and goddesses of High Olympus werenot better protected from eavesdroppers, You are not allowed to loiter in the corridor for a single second. So deeply impressed are you that a chilly sensation courses up your back as you shrink down the stairway leading to the lower regions.

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Meantime the legislative deities are considering executive appointments and sifting treaties with foreign governments. When a motion to go into executive session is carried all the electric bells are rung and there is great commotion. The Senate retains all its hauteur until the galleries are cleared and the doors closed. With neither stenographers, messengers, nor pages in attendance, and spectators driven from the galleries, the Senatora proceed to executive business. It is then that punctillo is thrown to the winds and dignity slips through a trapdoor. Personal comfort is the first consideration. Lovers of the weed draw fragrant Havanas and Pittsburg intimidads from their pockets and sniff or bite off the ends. All kinds of match boxes are in evidence, from gold flow. ANNOUNCED BY ELECTRIC BELLS

their feet on their desks and enter into reminiscent conversation. In their day Thurman and Edmunds usually took seats at the desks used by the stenogseats at the desks used by the stenographers, and essayed the role of Damon and Pythias until some appointment in which either was interested came up for consideration. Anon, both arose and sought a snuffbox ensconced in a niche near the Vice-President. It is said to be a relic of the old Continental Congress, and it has certainly been in official use since the days of Daniel Webster and Henry Clay, Three minutes afterward Thurman would draw his old bandana from his coat pocket and make a blast samilar in Congregational churches 75 years ago. Occasionally they exchang-

and General Merritt was appointed in his place." The removal was at the instance of John Sherman under the administration of Rucherford B. Hayes. Conkling's indignation was so great that he scored the administration unmercifully. Never was his sarcasm more stinging and his invective more pointed. He once referred to Governor Cornell, of New York, as "that lizard on the hill." What he said of the men restanging for Arthur's removal made familiar in Congregational churches 75 years ago. Occasionally they exchanged cigars, but they were wonderfully and fearfully made. The aroma was overpowering. A gentleman visiting the engineer's room in the basement ownny years ago was surprised to hear the engineer remark: "The Senate is in secret session again." "How do you lanow," he was asked. Teated the on the lift. What he said of the life responsible for Arthur's removal made this characterization almost puerfle. He spoke four hours, helding the Senate in rapt attention. It was sunnight when he began and moonlight when he

RED LIGHT AT CAPITOL "Norfolk's Busy Store"

This department is always

All Wool French Venetian, 54 inches wide, all colors, never sold less than \$1.25. Monday's price, \$1.

52-inch Imported Venetian, all wool, all shades, regular pcice \$1.75; now \$1.39.

All Wool English Broadcloth, 54 inches wide, sold at \$2; go in this sale at \$1,45.

All Wool Imported Cheviot, 52-inches, Sponged and Shrunk, the \$1 kind, in all

All Wool Venetian, all colors, 38 inches

wide, the 69c grade; go at 49c.
All Wool Oxford Plaid Back Golf Skirting, worth \$1.39. Our price, 98c.

Knit Underwear.

Lined Shirts and Drawers, 19c.

Boys' 39c. Jersey Fleece Lined Shirts and Drawers, 25c. Childs' 25c. Gray Union Suits, 19c a

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Special sale of Colored Wer-

cerized Underskirts, beautiful-

ly made with five ruffles, and

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Great sale of Silk Waists,

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\$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2 98c and \$2.19; all go at...

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Aisle we will close one lot of

Celluloid Cuff and Collar

Boxes, Work Boxes, Handker-chief Boxes, Photo Holders,

\$1.25, \$2.50, and \$3, as 49c. long as they last, we say

MEMORABLE EVENTS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.

Yet there are times when the excite-

ment in secret sessions equals any oc-curring in open session. Magnificent orations fill the chamber. Their echoes

orations fill the chamber. Their echo alone reach the outer air. "The great est speech I ever heard in my ife," sa a Senatorial veteran, "was the speemade by Roscoe Conkling when Chetra A. Arthur was removed from the collectorship of the port of New Yound General Merritt was appointed the reacher." The removal was at the interpretation of the port of the point of the

that we sold at \$1.00,

In the centre of our Main

a piece.

Boys' 25c. Jersey Fleece-

brimful of good things.

Gives Notice That the Senate Is OPPOSITE MONUMENT. MILLER, RHOADS & CO. "Norfolk's Busy Store" OPPOSITE MONUMENT.

Monday's Big Bargains!

We would avoid the use of the word "bargains"-it's such an abused word-but no other so accurately conveys our meaning.

We want you to take the word in its uncorrupt sense, and understand that we present you with opportunities to secure absolutely guaranteed merchandise at prices that mean a positive saving in each instance.

We have inspected our departments and selected articles of known merit for this ad., on each we have cut the regular selling price one-fourth, one-third and one-half, so that you are assured of extraordinary values.

Every price we quote tells of a bona-fide reduction, and we have the goods to back up every statement made.

PUT US TO THE TEST ANY TIME!

Truthful Advertising Our Success.

Special Sale of Suits.

Childs' 25c. Gray Union Suits, 19c a piece.
Ladies' Wool Pants—in small sizes only—\$1.00 grade, 50c a pair—to close.
Ladies' Cream and Black Merino Wool Corset Covers, long sleeves, price \$1.00 a piece; worth \$1.50.
One lot of Men's Gray Drawers, no shirt to match, closing price 19c a piece.
Men's White Wool Shirts and Drawers, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 grade, broken lines of each, all go at one price, 89c a garment.
Men's Silk Fleece Shirts and Drawers, \$1.00, \$1.19, \$1.50 a garment.
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Men's Silk Fleece Shirts and Shirts, sizes 34 and 36 only; closing price, 89c. We have one lot of Ladies' Tailor-Made Suits, about thirty-five in the lot, that will be sold less than cost of materials. You will find Black and colors in the assortment, and such values as you have never seen before. Sizes range from 32 to 40. If your size is here it means a big saving for you.

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Outing Flannels.

This department is always offering some tempting Black and Colors; they sold at bargains.

> Monday will find Norfolk's shrewdest buyers at this always busy department.

One lot of Dark Outings in Checks and 15c, 33 inches wide; special price, 10c.

Stripes, regular 5c grade, 3½c.

Monday we will sell one half case of Stripes, regular 5c grade, 3½c.

One lot of Medium Dark Outings in Stripes only, regular 8c grade, 6½c.

One lot of Dark Flannelettes that sold at 10c; special price, 6½c.

One lot of Solid Flannelettes shat sold at 10c; one lot of Solid Flannelettes shat sold at 17c. Our price, 12½c.

ability and worth. Roane came from

Texas. "He now resigns his present office," wrote Mr. Cushing, "from sentiments of devotion to that which alone he can feel to be his country, namely, the Confederate States, from one of which he was appointed. I most heartily commend him as a gentleman and a man to your confidence and esteem."

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The month in which this nomination as withdrawn was a great month for equitive sessions. It was emphasized the nomination of George H. Will-

Ladies' Handkerchiefs.

All 121/2 c. Swiss Handkerchiefs used in our window for trim we have marked 9c. a piece. These Handkerchiefs are just as good as new ones, only not in original folds—bargainseekers will find many good things at this counter.

One lot of 25c. Hand Embroidered Hemstitched Handker-Glove Boxes, Jewelry Boxes chiefs we have marked 19c. a piece.

> Japonette Hemstitched Handkerchiefs for boys, one lot, gifts. we have marked 5c. a piece.

Ladies Coats Half Price.

Not a mere excuse for advertising, not a scattering of a few catch prices, but by all odds the greatest coat bargain event that has ever taken place in Norfolk.

We want you to receive the statement in the spirit it is

We want you to call and be convinced that we are not overrating this extracrdinary occasion. You will congratulate yourself if you are among to-morrow's purchasers.

			at		
\$5.00	Coats	go	at	\$2,49	
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\$12.00	Coats	go	at	\$6.00	
\$15,00	Coats	go	at	\$7,49	
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Special Sale Silks.

Monday will witness some lively Silk buying at our Silk counter. Prices have been cut one-fourth, one-third and in many instances, half price.

One lot Fancy Dress Silks that are worth | One lot of Waist Lengths that sold at \$1, would be considered cheap at 85c, but
Monday we price the lot to you at 59c.
One lot of Fancy Silks for Waists and
Dress Lengths that sold at \$1.25, \$1.50 and
\$1.75; we price this lot to you at \$1.

Toys, Dolls, Games at Half Price.

Final clearance of all Toys, Games, Dolls, Go Carts, Tea Sets, Hot Air and Steam Engines, Magic Lanterns, etc.

All Toys have been brought down on the first floor and prices cut right in half.

This is a grand opportunity for those giving New Year

On Sale Main Floor at Half Price.

Gents' Furnishings.

All broken lines and slightly soiled Shirts, Neckwear, Suspenders, Handkerchiefs, etc. we have marked at a very low price to close out at once. A bargain here for every one.

Men's 50c Outing Flannel Shirts, sizes 16, 164, 17; closing price 25c.

Boys' 50c Black and White Stripe Negligee Shirts, pair cuffs to match, 25c to close—most all sizes.

Boys' 39c Colored Negligee Shirts, slight-ly soiled, 19c a piece.

Men's 75c Fancy Stiff Bosom Shirts, two collars and pair of cuffs to match, 16, 16½ and 17 sizes only. Price 39c while they last.

Men's 39c Colored Negligee Shirts, col-lar and cuffs, in sizes 15½ to 17. Closing

Men's Work Shirts, semi-laundered—25c grade, now 12½c; 39c grade, 25c; 50c grade at 39c. These prices will not last long, as we only have a small quantity of each Full line sizes now.

Men's 50c and 75c White Laundered Shirts, some a little soiled, price to close,

Men's Neckwear-50c Imperials, Tecks and Four-in-Hands we have marked 25c to close at once.

Boys' Windsor Tie Bows, the 25c grade we have marked 121/2c each. One lot of 18 and 25c Suspenders—we have marked one Price, 121/2c pair.

Infants' Department.

Monday we will sell one lot of Infants' Caps that sold at 75c, \$1 and \$1.25, as 49c long as they last

One lot of Infants' Bootees that sold at 15, 17, 20 and 25c. All go at 10c. Infants' Bibs, 8 and 10c grade, 5c. Infants' Bibs, 25c grade, 17c.

Infants' and Children's Wool Hose

We have a few small lots of Infants' and Children's Wool Hose in Black, 3-4 and 4-4 lengths, sizes 4 to 91/2, which we have marked at very special prices, 15c-grade 10c. 20c grade, 121/2c. 25c grade, 19c.

We carry full line sizes in Boys' Hercules School Hose, from 6 to 9½, at 12½c; the best school hose made.

Ladies' Black Polka Dot Hose, all sizes, extracted dots, 25c a pair—seamless.

Ladies' Plain Black Pure Lisle Silk Fin-ish Hose, imported, 25c a pair. Ladies' 50c Tan Lisle Hose, drop stitch to the toe, assorted patterns, closing price 29c.

Ladies' Navy Blue Imported Hose, 25c grade, 19c.

\$7.50 Bath Robes \$5.49

I lot of Ladies Eiderdown Bath Robes, in Light Blue and Pink, that sold at \$7.50; to \$5.49 close, we mark them

Confederate archives by a clerk in the War Department. It was a letter from Caleb Cushing to His Excellency Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy written on March 20, 1861. CALEB CUSHING'S LETTER. It introduced Mr. Archibald Roane, who had been a clerk in the office of the Attorney-General for seven years. It commended him personally to the attention of Mr. Davis, alluding to the Attention of Mr. Davis, alluding to the activity of the president Cleveland found himself in a similar ditemma. He proposed the proposed the name of William B. Hornblower to fill a vacancy in the court. The nomination was defeated by the activity of David B. Hill, then the leading Senator from New York. The President that the Senate had no right to keep his remarks from his people, and at the close of an executive session was in the habit of seeking a reporter and dictating his speech in full. He confined him.

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"Another case of extermination by expansion," rémarked the young policeman.

liceman.
"Yah," said Herr Houf, "der govern-

ment might try it on der Filipine

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A new Senator transferred from the House visited has old associates not long after he was sworn in. When asked how he felt in the Senate he drew a long sigh and replied; "Oh, it is mighty refreshing to join the boys